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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6310

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM)

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY SIMON

REF: STATE 37646

1. SARG HAS AGREED TO CHANGE IN DATE OF VISIT
FROM FEB 28 TO MARCH 3. AMBASSADOR WILL INFORM
MINISTER NATIONAL ECONOMY IMADI OF CHANGE AS SOON
AS HE RETURNS FROM ABROAD IN HOPE HE MAY BE ABLE TO
READJUST HIS SCHEDULE TO BE PRESENT FOR VISIT (SEE
DAMASCUS 751, PARA 6).

2. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS CABLES REMAIN
OUTSTANDING:

A) DAMASCUS 751, PARA 3. CAN 1915 ETD BE "DELAYED
AS MUCH AS ONE HOUR IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE A
FULL SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS AND EVENTS (STATE 22530)
IF SO, MID-AFTERNOON SIGHTSEEING TRIP CAN BE ARRANGED.

B) DAMASCUS 751, PARA 4. DOES SECRETARY SIMON
WISH ANY MEMBER(S) OF DELEGATION TO ACCOMPANY HIM
ON CALL ON PRESIDENT ASAD. IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE
NAME(S) ASAP SINCE SARG REQUIRES DIPLOMATIC NOTE
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TO THIS EFFECT.

C) DAMASCUS 751, PARA 7. SHOULD EMBASSY PLAN TO HAVE COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE SWORDS AND FIREARMS AT RESIDENCE FOR SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION? ALSO, IS SECRETARY INTERESTED IN MEDIEVAL CRUSADER AND ARAB ARMOR?

3. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, EMBASSY WILL CHANGE WAHL HOTEL RESERVATION FROM NIGHT FEB 28 TO NIGHT MARCH 3. ASSUME WAHL CHANGING FLIGHT RESERVATION TO MS 721 TO CAIRO MARCH 4.

4. FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION NOT ATTENDING OFFICIAL SYRIAN LUNCHEON FOR SECRETARY, LUNCHEON CAN BE PROVIDED AT RESIDENCE (PLEASE PROVIDE FUNDING AUTHORIZATION) OR LIST OF RECOMMENDED LOCAL RESTAURANTS CAN BE PROVIDED. PLEASE ADVISE.
MURPHY

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